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Rev John Burden.  
Newbury June 15-38



Dear Br Phelps

I have neglected to answer your communication bearing dated Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 37 for the reason that I hardly knew how to do it, from the fact that to get correct and decisive answers from the greater proportion of the Ministers of this Association to the questions you proposed would be impossible. I therefore on this date take the liberty to send you a copy of the minutes of the Association with the understanding against the names of those Ministers who are Abolitionists.

You will notice that the first Lowell Chh had no Minister at the time of the Association - they have one now by name Joseph Ballard - who is an Abolitionist. The Minutes will give you the names, residence - and Abolitionism of the Ministers.

N.B. At the meetings of our Association the worthy here always been found the best & if the Ministers would let them alone they would go right.

respectfully yours J. H. Burdick